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### State awards \$3.6 million in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (February 20, 2007) -- The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$3,588,020 in Training Acceleration Grants to 38 Indiana companies or consortia.

The Training Acceleration Grant program provides financial assistance to companies and organizations seeking to expand the skills of their existing workforce through training programs that result in industry-recognized credentials. This grant program is the state's primary job training program offered to Indiana businesses for incumbent workers.

"The Training Acceleration Grant program is the state's principal effort to help Indiana employers provide training to existing employees and maintain a competitive workforce," said Andrew Penca, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

"The Training Acceleration Grant program is an important tool which assists Indiana businesses build a more competitive workforce at a time when economic growth and diversification are top priorities," said Nathan J. Feltman, Secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier workforce.

The names of the firms awarded the grants, location, number of trainees, outcomes, and amount awarded:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
AcraLine Products, Inc.	Tipton	57	MEP NIST CERTS	\$75,000
Actia Corporation	Elkhart	3	CDC in Electronics	\$6,700
Advanced Nitriding Solutions, LLC	Batesville	4	ISO 9001:2000	\$5,760
Aero Industries	Indianapolis	135	NIST MEP Management, Team Members, Efficiency Optimization, Process Improvement, Champion	\$199,400

Alcoa	Newburgh	98	Appren & Journeyman Upgrades-welding & hydraulics	\$199,912
Ars Nova Interactive	Indianapolis	1	Zend Cert. Engineer	\$1,795
Carlisle Industrial Brake and Friction	Logansport	93	NISP Mept Level I, II & III	\$199,600
Cass/Logansport Industrial Alliance	Logansport	12	CDC, College Credit Hours	\$14,014
Clarian Health Partners, Inc.	Indianapolis	212	BSN & Tech Certificates	\$240,000
Crawford Industries	Crawfordsville	17	NISP MEP Levels I,II & III	\$55,000
Cummins, Inc. (FSP)	Columbus	58	Apprenticeships & Journey Level Upgrades	\$198,320
GE Supply	Indianapolis	2	Certificate of Applied Learning	\$7,500
GECOM	Greensburg	198	Various CDCs, Assoc. Degrees and Apprenticeships	\$199,899
GlasCraft, Inc.	Indianapolis	21	Workplace Org. Cell Process Imprv. Admin Process Imprv	\$72,900
Haynes International, Inc.	Kokomo		Journeyman Upgrade	\$3,750
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Howard/Tipton Training Alliance	Kokomo	17	CDC. College Credit Hours	\$21,376
Indiana Harbor Coke Co.	East Chicago	10	Welding	\$8,128
J.O. Mory, Inc.	South Milford	47	Foreman Certification Appenticeships, Certs.	\$19,725
K&L Machine and Manufacturing, Inc.	Mishawaka	1	Journeyman Tool & Die Maker	\$5,234
King Systems Corp.	Noblesville	1	Six Sigma Black Belt	\$35,000
Letica Corporation	Fremont	30	Maint. CDCs & Supervision Fundamentals	\$30,538
Mittal Steel USA Burns Harbor LLC	Burns Harbor	3,727	Technical Certificate HVAC	\$77,424
North American Green	Poseyville	30	Advanced Mfg. CTE	\$199,440
Parker Hannifan Corp.	Albion	64	Apprenticeships Maint. Mech Moldmaker	\$145,641
Pearson Education	Indianapolis	35	CDC Communications CDC Leadership/Philosophy	\$81,882
Personix	Indianapolis	60	Adv. Mfg Team Member Practioner & Champions	\$199,600
Pridgeon & Clay, Inc.	Franklin	80	Certificate of Applied Lean Manufacturing 6 Hours	\$127,200
Pyromation, Inc.	Fort Wayne	35	Six Sigma & various Associate Degrees	\$149,486
Red Gold, Inc.	Elwood	68	Advanced Mfg. App. For Mgrs, Adv. Mfg. Levels	\$200,000

Region 10 Workforce Board Inc., formerly Southern Severn	New Albany	13	8 BA-RN, 3 AA-RN & 2 MS In Physical Therapy	\$47,021
Rieke Packaging Systems	Auburn	48	Apprenticeships	\$180,600
Shelby Co. Life Long Learning	Shelbyville	12	IndusMaint. Phase 1 & 2	\$47,812
Signal Learning Center, Inc.	Mishawaka	51	Microsoft Cert. Systems Admin and Developer	\$177,930
St. Joseph Hospital	Kokomo	103	Various Nursing Credentials	\$78,288
Steel Warehouse Co. LLC	South Bend	6	Machine Repair & Millwright Apprentice	\$34,833
Telamon Corporation	Carmel	5	Six Sigma Black Belt	\$8,100
Waupaca	Tell City	134	Welding Certs & CDCs	\$117,772
Wm A Didler & Sons, Inc. dba Didler Printing	Fort Wayne	36	NIST MEP, Adv. Mfg. Cert.; Six Sigma Black Belt; Six Sigma Green Belt	\$114,120

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in February, 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.